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AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL SY POSITIONS AT AMCONGEN CASABLANCA

REF: STATE 26356, STATE 249033

1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN FORESEE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH LOCATING TSO OFFICE AT CASABLANCA. REFTTEL STATES TWO TSO'S AND ONE CLERK BEING ASSIGNED. UNDERSTOOD TWO SEABEES ALSO BEING CONSIDERED PART OF COMPLEMENT. THIS WOULD MAKE TOTAL INCREASE TO COMPLEMENT FIVE. ADVISE.

2. DUE CURRENT WORKLOAD AND MEMBERS CONGEN STAFF AND ANTICIPATED INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC RESULTING THESE ASSIGNMENTS, REQUEST CLERICAL POSITION BE FILLED BY SOMEONE TRAINED IN

CRYPTOGRAPHIC WORK AS POST WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT ABSORB ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRMENTS.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE FELT THAT LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION ALREADY WARRANTED STATIONING MARINE SECURITY GUARD AT CASABLANCA, WE HAVE WITHHELD RESPONSE TO STATE'S 249033 PENDING CLARIFICATION DEPT.'S INTENTIONS RE TSO OFFICE. IF TSO OFFICE LOCATED CASABLANCA, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE CLINCHING JUSTIFICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT MARINES TO THAT POST. NCOIC SHOULD BE MARRIED.

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QUESTION WHETHER WATCHSTANDERS TO BE IN UNIFORM WILL HAVE TO BE

RESOLVED WITH GOM. WILL NOT APPROACH IT THIS REGARD UNTIL
WE HAVE DEPT.'S APPROVAL OF CONCEPT. RSO CONCURS FOREGOING.

4. WHILE ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE EXISTS, FOR ABOVE ASSIGNMENTS,
CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WILL NEED BE FUNDED FROM
OTHER THAN CURRENT POST ALLOTMENTS. THESE INCLUDE OFFICE
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL SHELVING AND CABINETS, WORK-
BENCHES, QUARTERS LEASING EXPENSES, FURNITURE (USUALLY TAKES
SIX MONTHS OR MORE LEAD TIME AND APPLIANCES, INITIAL
INSTALLATION COSTS FOR SETTING UP NEW QUARTERS. NONE OF
FOREGOING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT POST.

5. ADDITION TSO OFFICE AND MSG WILL INCREASE VEHICLE REQUIRE-
MENTS AT POST. WILL REQUIRE ONE ADDITIONAL VEHICLE AND
CHAUFFEUR POSITION.

6. SINCE GREAT DEAL PREPARATORY PLANNING, SEARCHING FOR QUARTERS,
ETC. REQUIRED, ADVISE ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING FAMILY STATUS,
EARLIEST TIME.

7. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ESTIMATED COSTS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
UPON RECEIPT ANSWERS ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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